(b) if so, what is the quantity of crude oil to be supplied and the details of the terms at which it will be supplied to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) While the Soviet Union has indicated to step up the supply of crude oil to India during the curre... levels of last year under the Trade Plan, the contract for supply of crude oil with the Soviet agency is yet to be finalised and the details will be known only thereafter.

New Drug Policy

528. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the steps taken under the New Drug Policy in the light of the observations and recommendations of the Hathi Committee regarding:—

(1) Availability of Sera and Vaccines at fair prices;

(2) Reserving drugs like penicillin in the Public Sector list;

(3) Promtion of generic names of drugs in place of brand names; and

(4) Reducing the influence sector of multinational drug companies; and

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of nine drugs would come down under the new policy as reported in the *Hindustan Times* dated 20th December, 1986 and if so, what are the names of the drugs, their present and expected reduced prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Relevant details are indicated in the new "Measures for Rationalisation, quality control and growth of drugs and pharmaceuticals industry in India" announced in December, 1986 copies of which have been sent to Hon'ble members and are also available in the Parliament Library.

(b) There is no question of price reduction as yet as the new Drugs Price Control Order is yet to be announced.

Laying of HBJ gas pipeline

529. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Spie Capag Company is laying HBJ Gas Pipeline without having the drawings and blue prints approved from the Gas Authority of India Limited:

(b) whether they has asked for and also got a waiver from GAIL, for the stress-testing of gas pipe-joints, resulting in serious compromise in regard to the safe and efficient working of the system; and

(c) whether they have also sought permission for waiver of certain checks and balances stipulated in the contract for requirement of safety, security and useworthiness, if so, what firm action is proposed to be taken to fulfill these requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No concession has been granted for stress jointing by GAIL or for any other procedure/test which would effect the safety and security of the pipeline. GAIL have appointed M/s. Engineers India Limited as consultants for ensuring Quality Assurance|Quality Control to conform to contractual specifications at work sites and at vendor's premises.